

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ADAM JAY STONE,

Plaintiff,

v.

C. PFEIFFER, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 1:21-cv-01461-ADA-SAB (PC)

ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT
CONFERENCE

Hearing: **Settlement Conference**

Date: **November 6, 2023**

Time: **8:30 a.m.**

Judge: **Erica P. Grosjean**

Location: **CSP-COR**

Plaintiff Adam Jay Stone is proceeding pro se in this civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The court has determined that this case will benefit from a settlement conference. Therefore, this case will be referred to Magistrate Judge Erica P. Grosjean to conduct a **settlement conference at the California State Prison, Corcoran (CSP-COR), 4001 King Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212 on November 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.** The Court will issue any necessary transportation order in due course.

The parties shall each submit to Judge Grosjean a confidential settlement conference statement, as described below, to arrive at least seven days prior (one week) to the conference.

The court puts the parties on notice that if Plaintiff has any outstanding criminal restitution obligation, fines and/or penalties, these settlement negotiations shall not be geared towards what the restitution obligation is, but what the value of the case itself is to each side, irrespective of any outstanding restitution obligation.

Defendants shall be prepared to negotiate the merits of the case and offer more than a

1 waiver of costs as a reasonable compromise to settle the case. The parties are also informed that
2 an offer of dismissal in exchange for a waiver of costs is not considered good faith settlement
3 negotiations.

4 In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 5 1. This case is set for a settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Erica P. Grosjean
6 on **November 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at CSP-COR.**
- 7 2. A representative with full and unlimited authority to negotiate and enter into a binding
8 settlement shall attend in person.
- 9 3. Those in attendance must be prepared to discuss the claims, defenses and damages.

10 The failure of any counsel, party or authorized person subject to this order to appear in
11 person may result in the cancellation of the conference and the imposition of
12 sanctions. The manner and timing of Plaintiff's transportation to and from the
13 conference is within the discretion of CDCR.

14 4. Defendants shall provide a confidential settlement statement to the following email
15 address: epgorders@caed.uscourts.gov. Plaintiff shall mail his confidential
16 settlement statement to U.S. District Court, 2500 Tulare Street, Fresno, California
17 93721, "**Attention: Magistrate Judge Erica P. Grosjean.**" The envelope shall be
18 marked "Confidential Settlement Statement." Settlement statements shall arrive no
19 later than **October 30, 2023**. Parties shall also file a Notice of Submission of
20 Confidential Settlement Conference Statement (See Local Rule 270(d)). Settlement
21 statements **should not be filed** with the Clerk of the Court **nor served on any other**
22 **party**. Settlement statements shall be clearly marked "confidential" with the date and
23 time of the settlement conference indicated prominently thereon.

- 24 5. The confidential settlement statement shall be **no longer than five pages** in length,
25 typed or neatly printed, and include the following:
 - 26 a. A brief statement of the facts of the case.
 - 27 b. A brief statement of the claims and defenses, i.e., statutory or other grounds upon
28 which the claims are founded; a forthright evaluation of the parties' likelihood of

prevailing on the claims and defenses; and a description of the major issues in dispute.

c. An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, pretrial, and trial.

d. The party's position on settlement, including present demands and offers and a history of past settlement discussions, offers, and demands.

e. A brief statement of each party's expectations and goals for the settlement conference, including how much a party is willing to accept and/or willing to pay.

f. If the parties intend to discuss the joint settlement of any other actions or claims not in this suit, give a brief description of each action or claim as set forth above, including case number(s) if applicable.

6. If a settlement is reached at any time prior to the settlement conference, defense counsel is to immediately inform the courtroom deputy of Magistrate Judge Grosjean and file a Notice of Settlement in accordance with Local Rule 160.

7. The parties remain obligated to keep the court informed of their current address at all times while the action is pending. Any change of address must be reported promptly to the court in a separate document captioned for this case and entitled "Notice of Change of Address." See Local Rule 182(f).

8. A failure to follow these procedures may result in the imposition of sanctions by the court.

9. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on the Litigation Office at California State Prison, Corcoran, via facsimile at (559) 992-7372 or via email.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 26, 2023


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE